### **Suffolk County Charter**

## Article XXX. Board of Ethics



"The Board shall have the authority and responsibility to: (1) Provide ethics training and education to Suffolk County's public servants..." Suffolk County Charter §C30-3 (A)

The Mission of the Suffolk County Board of Ethics is to practice and promote ethical literacy and conduct in government through Training,
Transparency, and
Trust.



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What is the Board of Ethics?

### Suffolk County Charter Article XXX. Board of Ethics

§ C30-1. Board of Ethics Established.

There is hereby established a Board of Ethics.

§ C30-2. Membership of the Board.

A. The Board of Ethics shall consist of five members. Two members will be appointed by the County Executive. The Presiding Officer, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Suffolk County Legislature will each appoint one member. The appointment of all members will be subject to approval by

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the County Legislature. The Board shall elect one of its members to serve as Chairperson.

- B. No more than three members of the Board shall belong to the same political party. No person, while serving as a member of the Board, shall hold any public office, seek election to any public office, be a public employee in any jurisdiction, have business dealings with the County or any elected official, hold any political party office, appear as a lobbyist before the County or make a contribution to any County elected official or candidate for County office.
- <u>C.</u> The two members appointed to the Board by the County Executive shall be appointed to initial terms of two years; the members appointed by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader shall be appointed for initial terms of three years; the member appointed by the Presiding Officer shall be appointed for an initial term of four years. Thereafter, all members will be appointed for terms of four years.

<u>D.</u> Any vacancy occurring on the Board other than by expiration of a term shall be filled by nomination of a successor by the appropriate appointing authority within 60 days of the creation of the vacancy. The County Legislature shall act on such nomination within 60 days of an appointment resolution being laid on the table for consideration.





- <u>E.</u> Three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum and the Board shall have the power to act by a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board except as otherwise provided by this article.
- <u>F.</u> Members shall receive compensation of \$200 for each Board meeting they attend; such compensation shall not exceed \$400 per month.

§ C30-3. Power and Responsibilities.

<u>A.</u> The Board shall have the authority and responsibility to:

- (1) Provide ethics training and education to Suffolk County's public servants;
- (2) Render advisory opinions to Suffolk County's public servants on ethics and conflict of interest issues;
- (3) Make financial disclosure statement forms available to persons required to file pursuant to Chapter 77, Part 1, Article II, of the Suffolk County Code, and review such statements; and
- (4) Conduct investigations and hearings to determine if ethics violations have occurred and to impose penalties as authorized by local law.
- <u>B.</u> The Board shall promulgate rules as are necessary to implement the provisions of Chapter 77, Part 1, of the Suffolk County Code and to govern its procedures. Such rules shall be made publicly available and posted on the County's website.

